

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) Device for transporting a load, comprising:

~~a chassis; and having a lower end and an upper end, the latter having a device for its support~~

a support element to support the chassis on the ground ~~comprising at least one element bearing at least one element for support on the ground,~~

~~said chassis being connectable to a user by means of an attaching device,~~

wherein

said chassis ~~is composed of~~ comprising a lower portion V shape and connected, at a connection, to an upper portion V shape forming,

~~as seen in a plan view, at least approximately the shape of a V,~~

wherein the legs of the lower portion V shape ~~of each of said portions~~ converge, at the connection, to join legs of the upper portion V shape, ~~or cross each other in an area where they are connected to each other, on one hand, and on the other hand,~~

wherein the legs of each of said upper and lower portion V shapes, at the connection, extend to open at least over a certain distance, opposite each other to define an area for placing a load, all or part of said load being intended to be placed in said area, and

wherein the a ratio (H_1/H_2) of the heights of the V of the lower portion V shape and the upper portion V shape, respectively, is equal to a defined value N ,

wherein said support element comprises one of

a) a shaft connecting ends of the legs of the lower portion V shape, said shaft disposed in one of i) an alternating manner extending underneath and above said ends and ii) a uniform manner extending either underneath or above said ends, and

b) two shaft portions on a common axis that are projecting on either side of the ends of the legs of the lower portion V shape, said two shaft portions being disposed in one of i) an alternating manner extending respectively underneath and above said ends and ii) a uniform manner extending either underneath or above said ends.

2. (withdrawn, currently amended) The device of claim 1, wherein said chassis is advantageously in the general form of an asymmetrical X with respect to a plane P_v extending orthogonally to said heights H_1 , H_2 and passing through the crossing point of said X, and wherein the ratio N is

advantageously comprised within an interval of values [0.25 - 0.35].

3. (currently amended) The device of claim 1, wherein said chassis comprises two longitudinal girders, preferably ~~tubular ones,~~ crossing each other, at the connection, while extending one above or underneath the other, said girders being interconnected by a fastening member at the location of their crossing, and wherein means are provided to ensure a parallelism between the axis of the supporting element of said support device, which is arranged at the ends of the legs of ~~the V of~~ said lower portion V shape, ~~on one hand,~~ and ~~on the other hand,~~ a straight line connecting the ends of the legs of ~~the V of~~ said upper portion V shape.

4. (original) The device of claim 3, wherein said means ensuring said parallelism are formed of at least one brace.

5-6. (cancelled).

7. (currently amended) The device of claim 1, wherein said support element further comprises one of ~~for support on the ground is disposed either between the legs of the V of said lower portion, or on either side and on the outside of said legs, and~~

~~wherein said support element is advantageously formed of at least one a wheel or at least one and a ski.~~

8. (currently amended) The device of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 3, wherein, the

lengths of said two girders are adjustable and variable, and

the legs of ~~the V of~~ said upper portion V shape comprise ~~comprising~~ telescopic members.

9. (currently amended) The device of claim 1, wherein said chassis further comprises at least one, ~~preferably two~~ cross ~~members~~ member disposed on each side ~~both sides~~ of the ~~convergence or crossing location~~ connection so that there is a cross member associated with each of said lower and upper portions.

10. (currently amended) The device of claim 9, comprising means ~~, advantageously at least one brace,~~ for ensuring a parallelism of the axes of said cross members.

11. (currently amended) The device of claim 9, wherein said cross members ~~serve a double function of reinforcing~~ reinforce the chassis and ~~of demarcating a privileged area of~~

demarcate a seat for the transported load, ~~straps being possibly provided for securing the same.~~

12. (withdrawn, currently amended) The device of claim [[1]] 3, comprising a rack attached to said girders and covering the crossing area of the girders ~~same~~.

13. (currently amended) The device of claim 9, comprising ~~an additional~~ a protecting and absorbing device arranged underneath ~~the girders and preferably at the height of~~ the lower cross member, said protecting device ~~advantageously~~ comprising a roller freewheeling on a shaft.

14. (withdrawn, currently amended) The device of claim 1, further comprising:

an attaching device for connecting a user to the chassis, the [[An]] attaching device comprising a belt and intended to be worn by [[an]] the user, ~~said device being provided with means for connecting it to a device for transporting a load of the kind as defined in claim 1, wherein said means allow said transport device a liberty of movement of a limited amplitude in the course and in the axis of walking.~~

15. (withdrawn, currently amended) The ~~attaching~~ device of claim 14, ~~wherein said means are formed of~~ further

comprising pendant lateral straps ~~whose~~ with upper ends are connected to said belt ~~and to which said transport device may be~~ suspended.

16. (withdrawn, currently amended) The ~~attaching~~ device of claim 15, wherein said belt is provided with means allowing an adjustment of said straps in determined positions.

17. (withdrawn, currently amended) The ~~attaching~~ device of claim 16, wherein said adjusting means are composed of two buckles ~~that are preferably disposed one on the front side and the other one at the back of the user, said buckles simultaneously providing a function in tensioning said belt around the waist of the latter.~~

18. (withdrawn, currently amended) The ~~attaching~~ device of claim 15, wherein said ~~pulling~~ straps comprise means for adjusting ~~the~~ an anchorage point ~~, thereby allowing~~ to secure the ~~carriage~~ chassis at a selected distance from said belt.

19. (withdrawn, currently amended) The ~~attaching~~ device of claim 18, wherein said means for adjusting the anchorage point are discrete, each strap ~~preferably~~ comprising a series of eyelets for receiving a connecting means ~~such as a~~ spring hook.

20. (withdrawn, currently amended) The ~~attaching~~ device of claim 18, wherein said means for adjusting the anchorage point are continuous, each of said straps comprising a loop for adjusting the length thereof and for maintaining that adjustment, the lower end of said strap forming a lug for receiving a connecting means ~~such as a spring hook~~.

21. (withdrawn, currently amended) The ~~attaching~~ device of claim 14, wherein suspenders are connected to said belt so as to form a harness therewith.

22. (withdrawn, currently amended)) The ~~attaching~~ device of claim 21, wherein each of the straps of said suspenders comprises at least one means for adjustment to the body and for tensioning, ~~preferably two of them, one at the front, the other one at the back, and wherein the right-hand strap crosses the left-hand strap at the back.~~

23. (withdrawn, currently amended) The ~~attaching~~ device of claim 21, wherein said suspender straps are retained at the front by a chest-strap.

24. (new) Device for transporting a load, comprising:
a chassis comprising a V shape lower portion connected,
at a connection, to a V shape upper portion,

legs of the lower portion converging, at the connection, to join legs of the upper portion,

the legs of each of said upper and lower portions, at the connection, extending to open at least over a distance, opposite each other to define an area for placing a load;

a support element connected to the chassis and supporting the chassis on the ground;

a cross member disposed on each side of the connection so that there is a lower cross member and an upper cross member associated respectively with each of said lower portion and said upper portion; and

a protecting and absorbing device arranged underneath the lower cross member, said protecting device comprising a roller freewheeling on a shaft.

25. (new) Device for transporting a load, comprising:
a chassis comprising a V shape lower portion connected, at a connecting member, to a V shape upper portion,

legs of the lower portion converging, at the connecting member, to join legs of the upper portion,

the legs of each of said upper and lower portions, at the connecting member, opening opposite each other to define an area for placing a load; and

a support element supporting the chassis on the ground,

wherein the support element comprises a shaft connecting ends of the legs of the lower portion, said shaft extending in one of i) an alternating manner underneath one of the ends and above another of the ends and ii) a uniform manner extending either underneath both the ends or above both the ends.